

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 508  
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor Marilyn Field on the occasion of her retirement as Department of Human Services Area Manager for Dickson, Humphreys and Houston Counties.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and commend our model state employees, who work with extraordinary diligence and dedication to assist the public; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Field, who retired recently after almost 39 years as an employee of the Department of Human Services, is one such admirable person; and

WHEREAS, after serving as an on-site assistant, surveying, mapping, and drafting alongside her father, Mrs. Field became one of the first women to enter Tennessee Technological University in engineering, a male dominated field at the time; and

WHEREAS, after a major illness kept her out of school for a year, she transferred to the University of Tennessee to study Technical Home Economics; and

WHEREAS, following her mother's wishes, Mrs. Field got a teaching certificate and taught fifth and sixth grade students for 3 ½ years at Burns, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, at the suggestion of a friend, Rose Martin, Mrs. Field went to work for what was then the Department of Public Welfare and was given a 450-persons caseload; and

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WHEREAS, her earliest work for the department was helping with adoptions and foster care; and

WHEREAS, after her outstanding service in the important position of senior counselor, Mrs. Field acted as director for two years, when Rose Martin took a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Field accepted the position of county director and after a reorganization, she became area manager for Stewart, Houston, Humphreys and Dickson counties; and

WHEREAS, during her sterling tenure at the Department of Human Services, she successfully worked to improve the delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Field and her supportive husband, Bill, who was Dickson County judge and county executive for several years, worked together on many valuable projects including getting the first alternative school for Dickson County and providing space for a satellite of the Harriett Cohn Mental Health Center, when there was no mental health facility in Dickson; and

WHEREAS, she is highly regarded and widely praised both by staff and by the countless persons who benefited from her efficiently run office; and

WHEREAS, before retiring Mrs. Field was honored with numerous commendations and awards, including being chosen the 1985 Tennessee County Director of the Year and the Dickson County Business Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn and Bill have two fine children, Steve, who works with Adult Protective Services, and Doug, who is an attorney in Owensboro, Kentucky, is married and has two sons; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Marilyn Field on her exemplary service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Marilyn Field on the occasion of her retirement and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.